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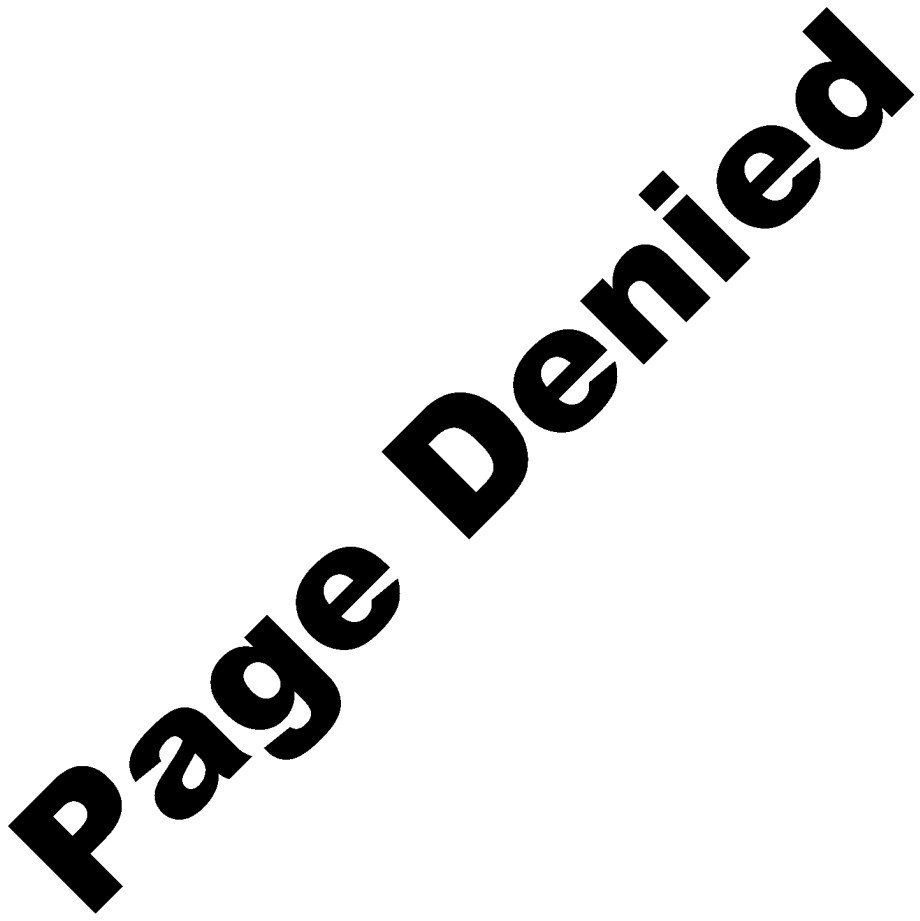

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1. A probable airframe plant is in the early stages of construction on the east bank of the Kuybyshev Reservoir, 10 nautical miles northeast of Ulyanovsk, USSR. Ulyanovsk Probable Airframe Plant Under Construction (Figure 1), first identified on photography consists of two large assembly buildings and at least ten more buildings in various stages of construction. At present, approximately 370,000 square meters of floorspace are under construction.

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2. A large, rail-served construction support area immediately south of the plant (Figure 2) contains a high-capacity concrete factory, a vehicle maintenance area, and a thermal electric powerplant. An apartment complex is under construction northwest of the plant area, and three housing areas (not shown on the graphic) for construction workers are east-southeast of the plant. One of the three housing areas is heavily secured, indicating that apparently a large number of forced laborers are being used in the construction of this plant.

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3. Several reports[1–4] indicate that this facility is part of a large aviation complex planned for this area. These reports state that the complex will include a training center for aviation personnel of the Council of Mutual Economic Assistance (CEMA). The personnel to be trained at Ulyanovsk would include pilots, engineers, navigators, and air traffic controllers. One of the reports indicated that the IL-86 (CAMBER) will be produced at the airframe plant.

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